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## West Regent Oil Shows Up Well-- Eastern Alberta Oil Fields Attracting More Attention From Oil Men

In the early part of December, we reported that oil had been found in the West Regent well on Section 19-34-4 West of 4th near Monitor. The drill had reached between 25 and 26 hundred feet when oil began to show in the hole. As soon as the oil was discovered, work was suspended for the winter and samples of the oil was taken to the company's office at Calgary. Later a sample of this oil was sent to the University of Alberta for inspection. We have just learned that this oil tested 29 Baume and was considered a good grade of crude oil. The sample submitted was not large enough to admit of a complete analysis being made, but a larger sample is being secured when the staff at the University laboratory will be able to make a complete report on it, showing all the constituents contained in the crude oil. Soon after the discovery of the oil, Mr. James Dumas the manager of the West Regent Co., left Calgary for Scotland to appraise the shareholders of his company of their good prospects, and to arrange details for further development work. No news has been given out locally, as to the future plans of the company, but in all probability the present well will be completed early in the spring, and more wells will be started, so that enough oil can be produced to warrant the building of a refinery, or the laying of a pipe line to transport the oil to a market.

This promising news, with the splendid indications at Irma, Viking

and Birch Lake, will no doubt have a big tendency to urge on drilling in these different fields. It is too early yet, to make any predictions for this large territory in Eastern Alberta. But the next few months will see renewed activity in all these fields, and the drills will be rushed down as never before.

Mr. Dumas is expected back in Calgary about the end of February when work will be resumed on the West Regent holdings. Mr. J. R. Talpey of the Talpey Arnold Co. has been spending the winter in California and will be leaving soon for Alberta when work will be resumed on their well at Birch Lake. It is also rumored that a large rotary rig has been ordered for the Viking district, where showings of oil was found in some of the gas wells drilled there. With the fast drilling that is being done by the Imperial Oil Co. with their rotary rig, east of Irma, no doubt this style of drilling rig will soon become very popular, especially where the formations are principally clay and shale as in the Eastern Alberta area. Work at the Imperial well is progressing nicely. The last report received from Fabyan the well was supposed to be around 1,500 feet from the surface. No effort is being made to rush the drill down, as in doing so the chances of keeping a correct log of the hole would be jeopardized. After a complete record of the formations have been secured, more speed can be made.

## More Satisfactory Handling of Oil Leases Soon Says Hon. Stewart

Calgary, Jan. 19.—Immediate steps to arrive at some more progressive and satisfactory system of handling the question of oil leases and drilling development work in Alberta will be taken by Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of the interior, according to a statement here today to The Bulletin.

Mr. Stewart will probably leave for Ottawa Saturday. It is his intention to at once confer with the federal cabinet regarding changes in the oil field regulations of the late government over which there has been such general dissatisfaction in the West. Mr. Stewart proposes to call one or more conferences in this province of all interests and organizations concerned in the development of the oil fields, and hopes that out of these will come a plan of operation which will not only stabilize the devel-

opment, but will encourage immediate investment by outside capital which has heretofore been almost impossible.

Realizing that the return of the resources cannot be accomplished in a day the minister feels that the Dominion must amend the oil regulations at once and adopt a permanent policy for development. Even if the matter were left for the provinces to decide there would exist a vast degree of doubt among investors in the meantime as to what policy would be eventually framed and discovery work in the oil regions would be retarded at a critical time.

Mr. Stewart said nothing had been done so far as he knew regarding the finding of a seat in Alberta, but says he has no reason to believe that he will be able to represent the west at least from a western seat before long.

## New Oil Regulations Will Assist in Development Work in Oil Fields

Alex Norquay, head of the Dominion Land Office, is in receipt of an amendment to the petroleum and natural gas regulations passed by order in council on December 21st as follows:

"Upon receipt of evidence to the satisfaction of the Minister that a lessee has incurred during the term of the lease, expenditures in boring operations on, or in the preliminary development of, a location or locations acquired under these regulations greater than the amount which may be accepted in satisfaction of the rentals of the location or locations effected, without having discovered oil in commercial quantity, the Minister may place to the credit of the lessee such portion of the excess expenditures shown to have been incurred as he may consider advisable, and may apply such credit or such portion thereof as he may decide to the payment of rentals of petroleum

and natural gas locations acquired under these regulations, standing recorded in the name of such lessee, upon which oil has not been found; subject to the condition, however, that the lessee shall continue to prosecute active boring operations to an extent proportionate in the opinion of the Minister, to the credit to be established and to the satisfaction of the Minister; and subject also to the condition that as soon as the Minister shall decide that oil in commercial quantity has been discovered on a location or group of locations, no further payment of the rentals of such locations shall be made from the credit so established. If the lessee fails to continue and to actively prosecute the additional prospecting operations in the manner prescribed, the credit so established shall be subject to reduction or withdrawal, in the discretion of the Minister."

## OIL NEWS.

### HEAVY FLOW OF GAS FROM

ROYALITE NO. 2.  
No. 3 well being drilled by the Royalite company in the Okotoks field struck a very heavy flow of gas recently which came in with such force that it blew the tools 600 feet up in the well.

The gas was struck at a depth of 2,200 feet and is considerably stronger than any which has been found in any of the wells drilled in this field at this depth so far.

Like gas in the other wells in this field it is highly charged with gas line and will furnish an additional supply to be handled by the absorption plant, which the company has installed as well as providing an additional supply to be directed into the pipe line connecting up this field with the mains of the Calgary Gas company which supply Calgary.

### DRILL COMMUNITY WELL

AT MANY ISLAND  
Citizens of Medicine Hat are putting up \$100 each in four equal monthly payments to form the local organization which will drill a well in the Many Island Lake field, which will be called the community oil well.

Encouraging reports which have been received regarding the well being drilled by the Medicine Hat Development company has aroused a lot of enthusiasm in the city and there has not been any difficulty in promoting the "community" scheme which was only launched the latter part of last week, as stated in the News, and it is expected that by the end of this week everything will have been arranged. The funds are to be deposited in the Dominion Bank and Capt. C. S. Pringle, Dr. C. E. Smyth, and A. J. N. Terrill, of the News, have been appointed trustees.

E. F. Dunn, the geologist who selected the site for the Development Co.'s well, will select the site from leases which are held in the Many Island field. Several lease holders are turning in their holdings to the new organization.

### BALE MANY ISLAND WELL

Medicine Hat News: On the advice of oil experts, the well that the Medicine Hat Development company is drilling in the Many Island Lake district will be cleaned right to the bottom. A sand line and a sand bucket have been ordered, and it is expected that the work will be commenced on Monday. The cleaning out process will probably take several days, and it is confidently expected that a considerable quantity of oil will be brought out of the well while this work is proceeding.

### GAS AT REDCLIFF

Another well has been drilled for the Redcliff Brick & Coal Co. which the Medicine Hat News says has a production of about 2,000,000 feet per day. The well was drilled by O. J. Morrison and is located in the river bottom near the company's coal mine.

### ALBERTA SEED FAIR PRIZE

LISTS NOW AVAILABLE  
The Provincial Seed Fair will be held in Edmonton from Feb. 13 to 16 in conjunction with the Dairy convention and the Fairs Association meetings under the auspices of the seed branch of the department of agriculture.

The prize lists are now out and can be secured by writing to Edmonton. The zones into which the province has been divided are shown in a chart in the catalogue so that there can be no confusion of entry.

This exhibition, sale and exchange of farm seeds should attract a large number of exhibitors as well as a good attendance, as it should be one of the most valuable farm functions of the year.

### WEDDING BELLS

Wedding bells were jingling in the Clark Manor district last Wednesday when Miss Ida Joan Goodale was married to Mr. John George Clark, by Rev. Mr. Elliott at the home of the brides parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Goodale, in the presence of a few relatives. The young couple are very popular in the district, and the Times joins with their friends in wishing them a long and prosperous life.

### CHURCH SERVICE

Roseberry ..... 3:30 P. M.  
Irma ..... 7:30 P. M.  
Sunday School ..... 2 P. M.  
Sunny Brae ..... 1:30 P. M.

## Banquet at Killam for Hon. Chas. Stewart

Hon. Chas. Stewart, minister of the interior, was accorded a tremendous banquet and reception last Friday evening, which in every way was a success, by the Selkirk constituency and old time friends. J. H. Caldwell presided as toastmaster and chairman and proposed a toast to Hon. Chas. Stewart. Mr. Caldwell added that as Lieut.-Governor Brett was unavoidably detained in Edmonton, he would call upon Hon. George P. Smith, former minister of education, for a speech.

Mr. Smith spoke at some length upon Mr. Stewart's inability to secure a seat in this province and added that it was up to them to provide one for him.

Mr. A. S. MacGoughan was then called upon for a song.

Mr. J. A. McGregor, general manager of the E. D. & B. C., railway, gave a brief address. Mr. J. L. Jamieson, superintendent of the C. P. R., who was on the list of speakers, was called away before the beginning of Mr. Caldwell's call upon Mr. P. J. Murphy of Daysland for a solo.

Miss Isabel Noble, provincial president of the W. I., gave a strong address on behalf of the ladies, after which Mr. T. F. Smith rendered a vocal selection.

A toast was then proposed to the guest of the evening, Hon. Chas. Stewart, and all joined in "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," followed by cheers and applause.

During the speech that followed Mr. Stewart expressed his pleasure at the welcome he had received by his old friends and neighbors. He said it would be his purpose to serve as best he could all the people of the province and of western Canada in general.

Just before the singing of God Save the King, which was after midnight, Mr. Stewart expressed the wish on behalf of his wife and himself that he might shake hands with all of his old friends and neighbors.

### MRS. GREENFIELD DEAD

Mrs. Herbert Greenfield, wife of Premier Greenfield, passed away at the General Hospital in Edmonton on Saturday morning after a short illness. She failed to rally from an operation on Friday.

The late Mrs. Greenfield was born in Adelaide township, county of Middlesex, Ontario, on December 29th, 1871, making her just over fifty years of age at the time of her death.

Mrs. Greenfield's death assumes a particularly tragic aspect coming as it does at the threshold of her husband's career as a leader in the public life of the province, following many years of trials and hardships in pioneer life both in Ontario and in Alberta. During the short time that Mrs. Greenfield had lived in Edmonton, she had entered heartily into the life of the capital, and had become endeared to a host of friends who eagerly sought her cheerful companionship and sincere friendship.

The funeral was held on Tuesday in Edmonton.

### RED CROSS SOCIETY

The Red Cross Society of Alberta, by arrangement with the Government of Alberta, has been in charge of the distribution of clothing to the residents of the drought stricken areas where needed. The Society now finds that the funds for this work have been exhausted, and it is opening a campaign for the raising of from \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00 for the payment for clothing already purchased, and for the carrying on of this work for the balance of the season.

I have no hesitation in giving this appeal my hearty endorsement. The work of the Red Cross in the distribution of this clothing in the drought areas has been of inestimable value. The need for clothing is a very real one and I am confident that the need existing now in the south for clothing only needs to be drawn directly to the attention of the people of Alberta to ensure a generous response to this appeal for funds.

(Sgd.) Herbert Greenfield,  
Premier.

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## Wonderful Skill Of Ancient Craftsmen Has Been Lost To World

One of the many lessons taught by museums is that clever craftsmanship is not a modern monopoly. Much of the work done thousands of years ago is unapproachable today, and of the processes which were comparatively common then are now practically unknown.

There is in the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum, London, an exhibit which baffles the most skilled of modern embalmers. It consists of a number of human heads from Ecuador reduced by some undiscovered process to about the size of a small orange. Notwithstanding the great shrinkage, each is perfect, and is rendered additionally interesting by the sealing of the lips, which are sewn up, so that the "spirit" of the dead should not escape and do harm to the owner.

The museum in the Royal College of Surgeons contains another remarkable specimen of ancient workmanship. It is part of the wrapping from a mummy more than six thousand years old.

So precious is this material that for a time its precise nature was a mystery; but ultimately it was found to be linen of exquisite fineness. Compared with it, the finest that Belfast can produce is positively coarse.

Equally wonderful is the Portland Vase in the British Museum. Though it is two thousand years old no man living can reproduce it. The art it represents has long been dead.

It is made, this vase, of two layers of glass, white on top and blue below; and the exquisite design is shown in white. This was effected by carving away all the glass where it was not wanted—a feat of well-nigh incredible difficulty owing to the brittleness of the material. No other example of such workmanship is known to exist.

Just as inimitable is another British Museum treasure—a bronze Mercury, found in 1792 at a Roman villa in Etruria. It is as remarkable for wealth of detail as for fineness of craftsmanship. The marking of the veins is distinct and prominent, every lock of hair seems as if it could be blown about by the wind, and the lines of the lips, brows, eyelids, etc., are as perfectly distinct as the surface is so regular that even with a magnifying glass no toolmark can be detected.

Graphic representations of the Pyramids, as well as fragments of those great sepulchral monuments, further illustrate the wonderful skill of ancient craftsmen. One of the problems of ages is how the ancient Egyptians moved the great blocks embodied in the Pyramids. The cubic contents of the greatest weigh nearly 7,000,000 tons, and would build a city of 22,000 houses of ordinary size. Basement stones in the Pyramid, moreover, are 30 feet long, 5 feet high, and 5 feet wide. The method by which the components, and particularly those huge blocks, were transported and put into place has never been discovered.

But there are other mysteries no less bewildering connected with the Pyramids. For instance, the jointing is a perpetual marvel to experts, since it is equal to that in the finest modern cabinet work. It is amazing even to those who know that 100,000 men were employed for twenty years on the Great Pyramid alone.

Little less curious are such commonplace objects, such as the Roman bronze bowls found in Britain. The puzzle here is this: How did the ancients reduce metals from their ores? At that period there was no other fuel than wood, which was converted by slow burning into charcoal; and though in comparatively modern times iron was reduced by charcoal in Kent and Sussex, scientists do not know by what method the Romans produced the enormous heat required to smelt iron and copper. Apparently their process has been lost forever.

### A Thorough Job

In the cook's absence the young mistress of the house undertook, with the help of an inexperienced waitress, to get the Sunday luncheon. The hurried maid, who had been struggling in the kitchen with a coffee-machine which refused to work, confessed that she had forgotten to wash the lettuce.

"Well, never mind, Marie," said the considerate mistress. "Go on with the coffee and I'll do it. Where do you keep the soap?"—Harper's.

### Bernhardt's Tomb

Close to her island home, Bell-Isle, in the Bay of Biscay, Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has bought from the French Government for \$125 a tiny rocky islet, where she intends to make her burial place. It has long been her habit when travelling to take with her a coffin, and she intends to give personal attention to the planning of her tomb.

### Gassing the Gopher

Chlorine Gas Is Now Suggested By Dominion Experts

Many methods have been employed with varying success for the destruction of gophers. School children have been encouraged to destroy it by the offering of prizes, and much good work has been done in this way. Potions of various kinds have been used, and at first have generally been found effective. Some farmers in Saskatchewan have found poisoned water efficient, but how long it will remain so has yet to be proved. The use of chlorine gas is now suggested by experts of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. One-tenth of a pound liberated from cylinders of liquid chlorine being injected into each gopher burrow has proved effective.

A comparatively new cyanide manufactured in electric furnaces at Niagara Falls, Ont., has been found of great promise in this connection. This cyanide, it should be mentioned, is for the most part calcium cyanide, or the lime salt of prussic acid, and is, therefore, must be regarded as a dangerous poison and requires to be taken great care of, both in handling and keeping. There is danger in storing strychnine-poisoned grain in sacks, and in using it, farmers too frequently scatter it on the surface about the entrance instead of putting it into the burrows, thus endangering both wild and domestic animals.

Lime calcium cyanide has the advantage of being as effective at one season as at another, while poisoned grain is most destructive for a short time only, namely, in the spring before the grasses start.

### A One Man Ferry

Chinese Have Novel Way of Crossing Streams

In the north of China where the mountain rivers are often narrow torrents and there are no ferries, the natives solve the problem of crossing the swift streams in a novel manner. Every house in the district is equipped with the skin of a cow or a horse, sewed and cemented airtight to make a huge bladder, and beside this buoyant raft there always leans a paddle. When any one of the family has business across stream he takes the light bladder, throws it over his shoulder, picks up the paddle and goes down to the river. Into the shallows he wades, places the bladder under him, sits down on it and paddles away. It seems very simple, but it is fraught with peril for the novice. But these northern Chinese are masters of the art and paddle across even swift torrents with a speed and ease that is amazing.

### English In Moscow

Spoken There More Frequently Than Any Other Tongue

A visitor to the Soviet Government bureaus in Moscow is likely to hear the English language spoken more frequently than any other tongue. Refugees from the old czarist regime who lived in England and America, and deportees from the United States and others who willingly left English-speaking countries to take part in the great communist experiment, found English the best for general communication and so its use grew. The leaven of the language of freedom may yet aid in breaking up the Russian cold.—Buffalo Express.

### Wanted Expert Opinion

A man walked into a grocer's shop and handed to the assistant a paper containing some white powder.

"I say," he asked, "what do you think that is? Just taste it and tell me your opinion."

"The grocer smelled it, then touched it with his tongue."

"Well, I should say that is soda."

"That's just what I say," was the triumphant reply. "But my wife said it is rat poison. You might try it again and make sure!"—Edinburgh Scotsman.

### Unemployed Going to Farms

100 men, some of them with families, are being placed on farms by the government employment agencies. These men appear to realize government officials say, that \$10 or \$15 a month and "found" on farms is better than destitution and charity in the city.

### To Avoid The Rush

"Last evening, sir, I distinctly saw my daughter sitting in your lap. What explanation have you to make?"

"I got here early, sir; before the others."—Carolina Tar Baby.

### A Wife's Privilege

In Abyssinia a wife has the privilege of abusing her husband and also the right to divorce him at pleasure.

### WESTERN EDITORS



W. D. McCrae, Publisher of The Herald, Hanna, Alta.

### Stone Trees On Island Of Sardinia

Petrified Trunks Have Been Found Among Mountains

Many thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of years ago there flourished in the island of Sardinia, which lies in the warm Mediterranean off the olive-clad Italian coast, forests of huge trees as large as those in California today.

Amid the geological changes which altered the earth's surface these forests disappeared, and no one until quite recently had any idea that they had left any traces behind. Now among the mountains petrified trunks have been found, and the discovery of these has led to the opening-up of whole forests turned to stone.

### Experimenting With Cure For Seasickness

Frenchman Is Confident That He Will Be Successful

A highly interesting series of experiments is being carried out by Dr. Pozerski, of the Pasteur Institute, Paris, with a view to discovering a cure for seasickness. Pozerski built a curious apparatus which moves exactly like a ship at sea. Experiments with the machine have shown that when subjected to rhythmic oscillations for periods of varying length up to six hours, rabbits, guinea pigs and hens have shown no physiological effects whatsoever, while thirty per cent. of dogs subjected to a similar motion developed seasickness. Pozerski is confident that his experiments will lead ultimately to the discovery of a cure.

### Very Much Cork

Three men were travelling in a raft in Ireland en route for Cork. The train was late, and to make matters worse, it was held up frequently before crowded into the restricted space of a postage stamp.

Three smiths are shown hard at work. Two of them are holding their hammers wrongly, unless one of them is that rarely a left-handed smith. A smith always tucked up his sleeves with the roll inside. Not so two of the smiths on the stamp. They are all in impossible positions, and a vast piece of iron is held on the anvil in quite the wrong way.

While the three men hammer away at it, a small apprentice holds it in place! Such a philatelic comedy of errors is certain to be withdrawn soon.

### Still Hanging!



—News, Dayton, Ohio

### May Postpone Dockage On Horned Cattle

Three Dollar Penalty Put Off Until Next Year

Apparently the proposals of the Toronto livestock commission men to "dock" the amount of \$3 a head all cattle marketed with horns on will be delayed a year or more before being put into operation. Precise reasons for the delay are not given, but it is believed that the present difficult position of farming finances has led the authorities at Ottawa to counsel a longer educational effort before any drastic step is taken.

While one sympathizes with the idea that every consideration should be given to the farmers at the present juncture, it is none the less a pity that such an excellent thing for farmers themselves should be left in abeyance. No one who understands will deny the advisability and the cash advantage of docking. The amount of work it involves is little when undertaken at the right time.

Interfering figures on the losses sustained through horned cattle milling and hooking each other in transit by rail and in the pens, have been published at the Winnipeg stockyards. They showed that the losses must have approached a million dollars a year—that is, this amount was lost to producers because packers would have paid them much more for the same cattle had not bruises lowered the meat sales value.

### Night Light for the Hen House

When Properly Used It Greatly Increases Egg Production

Many commercial poultrymen are altering seasonal distribution by the use of artificial lights in their hen houses. A little extra light by itself means nothing to a hen. Lighting is merely an adjunct to the feeding system. If used excessively hens moult and lay less than if let alone; when used properly the egg production is increased and moulting prevented. Artificial lighting is a scheme to keep the digestive tract from running out of raw material during the long winter night. The ideal to keep in mind is to lay giving hens a maximum amount of sleep and at the same time a maximum amount of food. The so-called "night light" system of lighting probably best meets these requirements. This means an extra evening meal of grain from nine to ten each night.

### Errors On German Stamp

Smiths at Work Are Shown in Impossible Positions

Philatelists will rush for the new German 69-pfenning stamp for the yanked have discovered more mistakes on it than were possibly ever before crowded into the restricted space of a postage stamp.

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## Protest Made Against Libeling Canada In Story And Picture

### Our Courteous Prince

People in India Impressed By His Gracious Manner

According to a Reuter cable from Bikaner, the Prince of Wales achieved wonderful popularity there largely attributable, according to a court official, to his gracious courtesy. The natives of Bikaner invariably salute persons of high rank three successive times and Europeans commonly respond only once. The fact that the Prince never failed to return each salutation has made a profound impression on the people with whom apparent titles count far more than is generally realized.

### An Uncommon Habit

Appreciation Easy to Show If We Feel It

It is not a difficult thing to say with the lips, but saying it right down in the heart is another matter. Really appreciating what people do for us and telling them about it once in a while is not a common habit with as many of us as it might be.

As a rule, no persons do as much for us as our own folks do, and few get as little thanks and expressed appreciation for it. We think our mothers ought to be good to us surely; so should our sisters, and our wives, and our children, and their kindness, and care, and self-sacrificing attention are taken for granted. But no service, never mind how small, ought to be taken for granted in that way that we fail to appreciate the goodness and love that prompts it.

Appreciation is the best, and in many cases the only, return we can give for the sympathy and help that comes to us from those who are near to us, and that give to life its true joy and satisfaction. And appreciation is easy to show if we really feel it. And usually it is easy enough to feel it if we only take time to think about what other people are doing for us. Ingratitude is all the greater fault, because it is largely a result of self-centered thoughtlessness.

### Mineral Mixture For Hogs

Keeps Them in Good Conditions During Winter Months

A simple but valuable mineral mixture to keep hogs in condition during the winter months consists of equal parts by weight of air-slaked lime and salt, or of wood ashes and salt. This mixture furnishes the main essential elements principally lacking in corn and small grains.

A simple but more complete mineral mixture consists of equal parts by weight of air-slaked lime, salt and bone meal (or spent bone black). This mixture differs from the simplest one in that bone is added, this addition insuring an abundance of bone-making materials. These mineral mixtures may be self-fed, free-choice style, or combined with the feeds. About a pound per month per hog has been the suggested allowance when hand-fed.—J. M. Eward, Iowa College of Agriculture.

### New Industry In France

Cotton and Wool Being Pulverised for Commercial Purposes

We scarcely think of cotton and wool as a powder, yet there are now half a dozen factories in France, pulverizing cotton and wool for commercial purposes.

Cotton in a finely-powdered form is largely used as a filtering material for substances, such as colloidion, which can only be clarified with difficulty. It is used, also, in the manufacture of gramophone records, to render them less brittle, and has the further advantage of minimizing the vibration which unpleasant twang of gramophone music.

Many new ideas of wool and cotton in this remarkable form are being developed, and in the electrical industry it is invaluable. France has at present a monopoly of the process.

### French Protest Against Khaki

Members of Parliament have been receiving protests against the decision to substitute khaki for the horizon blue worn by French soldiers throughout the war. But the decision will stand.

### Embarrassing Moment

Pulger (to a new acquaintance).—"I wonder if that fat old girl is really trying to flirt with me?"

Cooler—"I can easily find out by asking her—she is my wife."—Jacksonville Times-Union.

### Automatic Faucet

Of French invention is a faucet that automatically shuts off the water when it is removed from its pipe.

The reader of much contemporary American fiction could scarcely fail to get the idea that Canada is a country peopled almost exclusively by bearded, ignorant habitants, garbed the year round in mackinaw; prospectors, bootleggers, dangerous adventurers and others of that ilk, who live in some mysterious "northland," where they do nothing but drink whiskey, play poker and engage in gun fights. Among these uncouth individuals is generally a beautiful girl—where she comes from God only knows! She is usually alone in this "northland," excepting, perhaps, for a pet grizzly or maybe a faithful wolf! Then these bewhiskered, whiskey-soaked ruffians fight to the death for possession of her. The general atmosphere is one of snow, snow everywhere—dog sleds, northern lights, intense cold, blizzards, frozen waters.

And then the Mounted Police "get" their men. But with this force "getting" does not mean shooting him; it means arresting him and bringing him to trial.

British Columbia has been termed a "sea of mountains," and there is no doubt that future transcontinental airplane passengers will be quite willing to confirm this description.

So Canada is subject to all climatic conditions excepting the tropical; it contains all sorts of people but the blacks. Between its coasts may be found cities, which, if smaller, are not less advanced and progressive than any on the continent. Within its borders may be found all gradations of society, from those possessing the advantages of the latest advancements of civilization and science down to the most primitive frontier conditions.

It would be hard to indicate any particular sphere of activities as being typically "Canadian," but perhaps the keynote might more truly be found in a picture of rural life, that great Canadian asset, which is the seeds of this young dominion's coming greatness; those human elements which will go toward shaping the destinies of this virile new nation in the course which fate has marked out for her.

It is true that the wheat operator at the head of the great goods and chattels of Montreal or Toronto are little distinguishable from their counterparts in Chicago and New York; that the lumber barons of Ottawa are no different from the men who have made their millions in the woods of Michigan; that the wheat grower in Saskatchewan is not essentially different from the grain grower in Kansas or the Dakotas; that the ranchers in Alberta resemble closely the ranchers in Wyoming. On the other hand, the habitant of Quebec, the Northwest Mounted Policeman, the trapper, the miner, and the prospector of the north are peculiar to Canada now, and because of that fact they are probably more interesting as subjects for fiction than individuals in the more prosaic walks of life. This is undoubtedly true. It is perhaps inevitable that the mention of Canada should bring to the minds of people unfamiliar with the Dominion pictures of habitants, trappers, Northwest Mounted Policemen, snow, ice, dog sleds, northern lights, although the great majority of Canadians are, themselves, as unfamiliar with most of these things as the people of the United States.—D. M. Le Bourdais in The Dearborn Independent.

Valuable Amber Find in B.C. Hundreds of tons of supposed dracaenite from the Colman Collieries in the Nicola Valley of British Columbia, turns out on expert examination to be amber. This is believed to be the first amber discovered on the North American continent. Samples sent to Ottawa and New York have been pronounced good amber.

A New Insulating Material An insulating material from western flax is being manufactured by the Canadian Insulation Company at their Selkirk mill. The material is known as "Sealtell," and is adapted for lining houses, refrigerator cars, ice houses, incubators, etc.

Blind Guide in Fog During a recent London fog Isaac Williams offered \$2 to anyone who could lead him home. A man volunteered. At his home Williams learned the man was blind and had been covering the same route for months.

Everybody In "Auto for Every 5-12 Persons in Los Angeles."—Headline in New York Sun.

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## News and Views from the Provincial Government.

Premier Greenfield has returned from a trip to Winnipeg, where he conferred with Premier Norris of Manitoba, and members of the Saskatchewan Government with a view to combining in some action to get relief in the matter of freight rates.

Increased interest is being shown in establishment of Municipal Hospital Districts. The organizer of the Municipal Hospital Department is at present investigating the territory adjacent to Alliance, Galahad, and Fortcuthbert, with a view to determining the feasibility of establishing a Municipal Hospital District. There will also be investigation of the territory tributary to Oyen, Cereal, Chinook, and Youngstown, with a similar purpose. The new hospital board at Grande Prairie, as soon as elected, will meet to arrange for a district which will include seventy townships.

Important changes are to go into effect shortly at the Ponoka Mental Hospital, as decided by Hon. R. G. Reid, minister of Health. Mr. Brown, of the department of Health, is to be placed in charge as business manager of the institution, which will receive the Medical Sup't. Dr. Cook, of much of the detail. It is also decided that the farm of 1920 acres shall come under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture. The asylum under Dr. Cook has developed a high state of efficiency, the percentage of cures being 40 percent, the highest in Canada. There are now nearly 800 patients confined there.

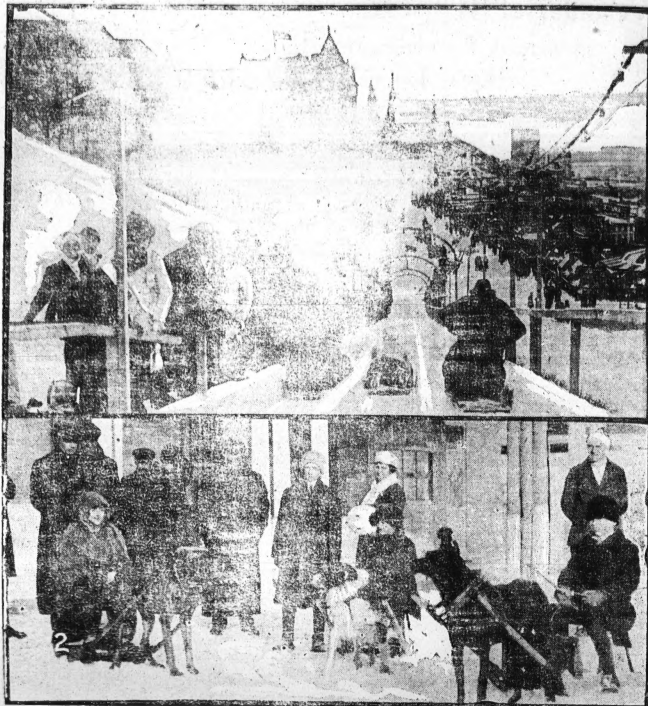
Hon. Alex. Ross, minister of Public Works, has now completed his new Highways Act, which will establish a Highways Commissioner, who will make recommendations with respect to a system of roads and their construction in the province. The Act will also establish a Highways Board, which will include one member from the engineering staff of the university, the Highways Commissioner, who shall be chairman, and two members named or recommended by the association of Municipal Districts. The duties of the Board shall be to consider reports of the Highway Commissioner, to allocate money voted by the Legislature, to make rules of traffic. The Act also classifies highways as follows: Main highways, the cost of which will be borne by the province, the market roads, part of the cost of which will be assumed by the local authorities, local roads, the entire cost of which will be borne by the local authorities, and colonization roads for the purpose of opening up new districts, the cost of which will be borne by the government. The Alberta association of municipal districts has finally approved of the general ideas of this Act, though they had expressed a desire to have a more independent commission with much greater powers. Hon. Mr. Ross, however, firmly believes that the final responsibility should rest with the government, and his Act has been drafted on that principle.

## WORK AND WAGES.

Vegreville Observer:

There can be no manner of doubt that dairy cattle involve a man in work for the whole 365 days in the year. If one goes in for that sort of thing, he cannot get away with six weeks work in the spring and six weeks in the fall and then hunk for the rest of the year. Dairying calls for unremitting attention. But the outcome is absolutely certain, which is more than can be said for other and easier work.

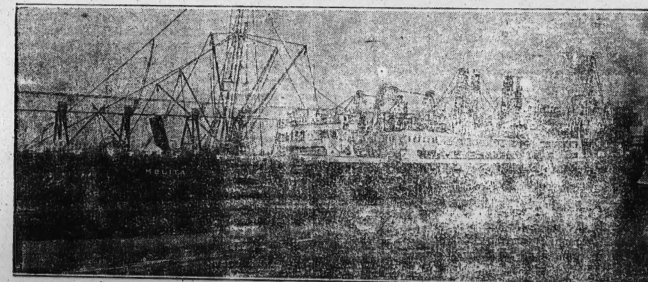
## Winter Sports in Quebec



1. The Chateau slide. 2. Dog sleighing at Kent House; on the left Miss K. Fox, winner of the race.

With the object of making Quebec the leading winter sport city on this continent, a very attractive and varied programme of matches, races, and competitions is being arranged for the season of 1921-22, and visitors to this beautiful and romantic old city will have a wonderful opportunity of witnessing or participating in ski-races, hockey games, snowshoe tramps, curling matches, skating events, ski-joring, indoor and outdoor festivities and entertainments, all in a historic setting without parallel in North America. The Chateau Frontenac, which is the traditional social centre of the city, is co-operating heartily by the contribution not only of a triple white toboggan slide on Dufferin Terrace, a ski jump on Citadel Hill, a skating rink adjoining the hotel and a curling rink in the Palm Court, but also offering cups for competition between amateur hockey clubs and snowshoe clubs of the city as well as individual prizes for the various sporting events. The whole city, with its hilly streets, its skating rinks, its beautiful Battlefields Park on the Plains of Abraham, its proximity to quaint old French-Canadian villages, and natural scenery of spectacular beauty such as Montmorency Falls, its atmosphere of hospitality and gaiety and charm, offers to those who love to tramp on snowshoes or glide on skis, or burdle down on toboggans, or drive, wrapped in furs, to the tangle of the sleigh bells, a choice of out-door winter recreation such as would be difficult to rival anywhere. The population of Quebec revels in its glorious winter. The Quebec child takes to snowshoes, and very soon after that graduates to skates or a toboggan or skis. As the years pass, he or she joins a club and plays hockey, and many with the approach of maturity learn to wield the broom and the curling stone, and "soop her up." A dog sleigh is a step on the ladder to a sleigh drawn by a fast trotter. Winter sport is thus native to Quebec. The snowshoe and ski clubs extend to visitors cordial invitations to their outings which are always most interesting and enjoyable affairs. A big curling Bonspiel lasting for a week, will be held sometime during February, in which teams from many points in Canada and possibly the United States will participate. Within the Chateau Frontenac there will be indoor golf, billiards, music and there is an excellent floor for dancing. The convenience of having a curling rink actually within the Chateau walls and a skating rink immediately adjoining the hotel, need only be mentioned to be appreciated, while the toboggan slide on Dufferin Terrace and the ski-jump are within less than 200 yards of the hotel.

## How the Immigrant is Received in Canada



## The Canadian-Pacific Liner Melita Brings Thousands of Immigrants.

The writer has recently put himself in the place of an immigrant, travelling with a shipload up the St. Lawrence from Father Point to Quebec; joining the procession down the gangway to the big Government Immigration Hall; watching them pass in review before customs officers, Health Department doctors and inspectors, and experiencing the helpful voluntary agencies at the port of disembarkation, while standing by the money changers and ticket sellers and finally boarding an immigrant train bound for the West. And this is how the immigrant is received in Canada: courteously, fairly, helpfully, expeditiously—there is, all except the few who ignorantly or wilfully have disregarded the regulations and must needs be firmly dealt with, for the sake of Canada as well as themselves. The last leg of the ocean journey is made over one of the most beautiful rivers in the world and amid the attractive scenery of the white little French-Canadian villages and a background of their long narrow farms and the farther hills of blue. The St. Lawrence makes a dramatic approach to the newcomer to Canada. All are eagerly drinking in the scene, facing with keen anticipation the new land for which they are heading, in some cases fulfilling the dreams of a lifetime; in others, it is a home-coming after a visit to the motherland and the old folks at home. Grosse Isle must, however, be reckoned with, the quarantine station of the Government. If the passenger has a clean bill of health from the ship's doctors, there is little delay, for again Canada must be safeguarded from possible plague or pestilence. The great adventure for most reaches a dramatic climax at old Quebec, so rich in history and romance, the eastern gateway to a country of half-a-continent. The Corsican lands at the St. Jean and the Melita following close behind—three great C. P. R. liners carrying nearly two thousand immigrants in all. Soon a great excitement. From deep hold-charge masses of baggage of every conceivable type and size, while from deck after deck pour forth the human stream from many lands and climes, the great magnet among men, the eastern gateway to a country of half-a-continent. Every boat officer is an expert, without friction or delay, and everybody, moreover, seems eager to help and to answer sympathetic questions. Shipload by shipload the newcomers are guided into the new building erected for this purpose, a single file lines form, some passing the doctors selected by the Dominion Board of Health, who watch closely for any physical impediment or anything to call for detention or sending back. Smaller groups with hospital equipment are available for use. Other lines, half a dozen of them, pass the government inspectors for their civil ex-

amination, based on the current Government regulations, which are now pretty stiff. Those who pass both ordeals—and most do, thanks to the increasingly efficient care taken on the other side of the Atlantic, and have the magic O.K. on passports and entrance papers, are free to enter or re-enter Canada. Down to the big lower floor of the Immigration Hall the successful ones next pass. Here, too, is a busy scene. Helpers from churches and societies assist in many ways. It is easy for those who are new new-Canadians, in sending telegrams, getting their money exchanged and tickets bought, in locating baggage, in guiding mothers with babies—and there are lots of them—to the Red Cross Nursery and the hungry folk to the lunch counters and later to the trains that are in waiting.

Here the doors are the C. P. R. men—and the directing official, who has a big job on his hands in a few hours, assisted by conductors and guards, all doing the finest of team work. The immigrant is well received in the land of his adoption; he is helped on his way to a full citizenship in this land of opportunity and wealth for all who are amenable to its laws. A final inspection is the excellent cooperation between government, steamship railway and all others who form the reception committee for the new Canadian. He is given the glad opportunity and welcome, no matter whether he hails from a British or a foreign land, and is made to feel at home from the hour he lands. —F. Y.



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## JARROW

Mrs. Earl Moore and children are visiting her parents at Tofield.

Mr. Glenn Moore is able to get around some with out his crutches now.

Mr. Bob Murray is still visiting his parents north of Jarrow.

Mr. Leslie Moore traded off two of his full-blooded Yorkshire pigs to Mr. Harold Whidden for a heifer.

Mr. Ward Matthews was hauling straw from the Valley last Friday.

Miss Edna Rete is in the hospital in Edmonton on account of her shoulder point being opened and tubes put in to drain it. She is doing nicely.

Mrs. Halloway is doing well and is expected home from the hospital this next week.

Mrs. Chase was up to see Mrs. Ross Phillips last week.

The Ladies Aid met at Mrs. Smiths and started a log cabin worsted quilt last week.

Rev. Smith was a caller last week at the home of Mrs. Gent.

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The Viking hockey team expects to journey to Wainwright on the fast train Friday morning and play the Wainwright team for the Dawson trophy, emblematic of the amateur championship of the G. T. P. line.

Wainwright defeated Chavlin last week for the Mug by a score of 6 to 4. Viking recently took the measure of the Wainwright team here by the score of 3 to 2. In a game on Tuesday last at Holden Wainwright while washed that team 5 to 0. Our boys have a good chance of bringing home the Cup and it is expected that a large following will go from here to cheer the boys on to victory. The line-up of the local team will be as usual with the exception of Lennie Leves and Dad Harris.

The Senior Hockey team played a return game at Holden last Friday afternoon and beat the Holdelaites on their own ice by the score of 7 to 5. The boys found the ice rather slow and slushy on account of the mild weather. The attendance was also poor. The Holden team is putting up a good game and they should have the support of their home town fans.

Viking High School debated the Forestry High School on Friday evening for the Championship of Northern Alberta.

Subject—Resolved that Alberta should own and control her natural resources. Viking has the affirmative at home this time, and the negative at Forestburg. Bruce and Inez debate in Viking, and Mildred and Helga in Forestburg.

Place of debate—McLeod's Hall, Time 8 o'clock P. M. Judge, Mr. Pike, of Edmonton.

Admission 25c to meet the heavy expense of sending team to Forestburg.

Watch small posters about town on Friday for exact hour of debate. If the home team wins Viking will get some good boosting throughout Northern Alberta. Everybody turn out and help the Viking High place their town and school on the debating map.

On Tuesday January 10th, 1922, a representative meeting of ladies was held in the G. W. V. A. rooms for the purpose of discussing the advisability of forming a "Hospital Aid."

After a great deal of discussion it was decided to organize. The Aid has planned to do all the sewing necessary for the opening of the hospital and then help the Superintendent and Board in any way possible.

The officers appointed were: President, Mrs. J. A. Robinson. Vice-Pres., Mrs. Ed. Benson. Secy-Treas., Mrs. W. McAthey.

Those appointed on the Executive were Mrs. W. H. Collier, Mrs. Loken, Mrs. A. Omen. The executive has not been completed but has been left open until the next meeting.

The G. W. V. A. have very kindly offered the use of their club room for the meetings which will be held the first Tuesday of each month at 3.30 P. M. All ladies in the hospital district are cordially invited to become members.—Fern McAthey, Sec.

On Tuesday February 7th an Ice Carnival will be put on at the Viking Curling rink by the High school.

This is being put on at the request of many of the older people who were unable to attend the first carnival.

It is hoped that every man and woman, young and old, in the town who can skate will be at this carnival. It will be the last of the season. Get your costumes ready early so as not to be rushed on the seventh. Good prizes will be awarded.

Proceeds will go to pay off the indebtedness of the slide lantern purchased for the school.

Remember the date. Write your friends in nearby towns. Boost for the school. The school is always boosting for the town.

Word was received on Monday that a bouncing baby girl had been born to Mr. and Mrs. John Koch, of Monteville, Pa., on Wednesday, January 4th. Mrs. Koch was formerly Miss Florence Neefe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Neefe, three miles south of town.

Those from here who attended the banquet and reception for Hon. Chas. Stewart at Killam last Friday evening were Messrs. Geo. Loades, W. McAthey, O. Fitzmaurice, W. Taylor, Robt. Roddick, and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Burnham.

Among the delegates to the U.F.A. convention at Calgary this week are Messrs. W. H. Wallace, W. Bissell, B. C. Gilpin, A. Holmberg, W. J. Dillane, and E. Richardson.

V. H. Holbrook is managing the rink for a few days until Jack Heric comes in from his farm near Kinsella to take over the duties for the remainder of the season and also play goal for the hockey team.

H. Rollans has accepted the position as secretary of the Viking Co-operative creamery and began his duties last week.

Thos. Fraser left for his old home in Ontario last Thursday to pay a visit to his mother. He has not been back East for over fifteen years.

## WANT ADS.

FOR SALE—No. 3 Keystone well drill complete with tools, capacity 800 feet. Cost \$2500.00. Will sell for \$1000.00.—P. LOVE, Vauxhall, Alta. 32-2p

Cattle branded OL (with half circle underneath) are the property of H. W. Love. Kindly notify if found.

FOR SALE—Leader Oats, cleaned 40c, also pure bred Chester White Sows.—J. Fenton. 34-8p

STRAYED—from Sep. 2-46-8, one Hereford heifer, yearling last spring, dehorned and branded 29 (with half circle underneath) on left rib. Phone 304, Irma exchange.—Jamieson Construction Co., Box 874, Irma. 35-0p

FOR SALE—Building suitable for restaurant or store. 18x40 feet, four rooms upstairs. Also 6 acres with building 22x28, good well.—E. Sharkey, Irma. 34ts

STRAYED from the premises of Wm. E. Walker, S. E. quarter 34-46-9, one light red steer, coming three years old, with horns, curly foretop, branded "Half Diamond under W W on right ribs"—gone since spring.

One black red bull with some white underneath, coming two years old, unbranded, gone since spring. \$5.00 reward for definite information leading to their recovery.—Address as above, Box 871, Irma, Alta. 34-8p

STRAYED—One 3-yr-old red and white heifer with horns, no brand. One black 2-yr-old heifer, no horns. Black one branded AF (reversed F with bar above) on left hip. If found kindly notify G. Hogan, Jarrow. 36-3p

ANYONE locating cattle branded 52 over half circle or 16 under half diamond; or 2 reverse L under half diamond; all on right shoulder; or A233 to 7 over lazy X on right ribs, notify G. A. Sisson &amp; Co., Ltd. Irma. 36-3p

FARMERS having strays branded reversed DB, half diamond underneath, on right hip, please notify Erskine L. Cail, Irma. 36-1c

BRAND NOTICE.  
Cattle branded SY (with bar underneath) on right hip are property of SMART BROS., Irma. Kindly notify if found. 35-9p

STRAYED—from 22-46-8 since August, one red yearling heifer with a white in forehead, has horns branded O reverse B, half diamond underneath. Please notify B. OLDHAM, Box 904, Irma. 37-9p

STRAYED—to N. E. 14-46-9 about a year ago, red and white steer with horns, bob tail; 2 years old, part of right ear frozen off.—No visible brand.—TSHAW 37-9p

STRAYED—to Sec. 36-46-9, one 2 year old Red Poll heifer, branded F lazy A with bar over, on right hip.—J. H. Elliott. 37-9p

STRAYED—from W half 6-47-7 With one yearling Hereford Bull (or steer) branded "X under D856" right ribs; one yearling red and white heifer, some brand; one yearling white heifer, red or brown marks about head, no brand. Any information will be rewarded by G. M. Whiteley, Irma P. O. 37-9p

STRAYED—to S. W. 20-56-8 one red dehorned steer, branded DB half diamond underneath, on right shoulder and paying for adv and expenses.—W. Clark, Irma. 39-4c

STRAYED—from N. W. 12-46-9, one red yearling steer branded FB (reversed B with bar above) on left shoulder.—A. A. Fischer, Irma. 39-41p

STRAYED—to Sec. 2-46-8, one dark red Steer about one year old. Horns, no visible brand.—The Jamieson Construction Co. Ltd. Phone R. 304 Irma, or 842 Tegler Building, Edmonton, Phone 2785. 39-41c

FRESH MILCH COWS—Have several good fresh milch cows to trade for young steers.—The Jamieson Construction Co. Ltd. Phone R. 304 Irma, or 842 Tegler Building, Edmonton, Phone 2785. 39-41c

REWARD—\$5.00 for information leading to recovery of Hereford heifer, yearling last spring, dehorned and branded 29 with half circle underneath on left rib.—The Jamieson Construction Co. Ltd., Phone R. 304 Irma, or 842 Tegler Building, Edmonton, Phone 2785. 39-41c

IMPOUNDED  
Impounded in the municipal pound kept by John Watson, on S. E. 22-46-9 W4th, on Jan. 7th. One Iron Gray Mare, weight 1,100 to 1,200 lb. Left front and the two hind feet white. Branded "Lary D on top of A, br of A indistinct" on left shoulder.

## More or Less Funny

In a battle of tongues a woman can hold her own. But she is not very likely to do so.

Any man can make at least one woman happy for life. All he has to do is to remain a bachelor.

Charity usually consists of a generous impulse to give away something that we have no further use for.

"What is the hardest thing about learning to skate, asked a young lady of Vic Holbrook as she was going to venture on the ice for the first time the other evening. "The ice," he replied.

After a person has had a look at some babies and heard them squall for a few hours they begin to understand why people marvel a mothers' love.

Nothing disgusts a man so much as to arrive at a meeting place (or the curling rink) fifteen minutes late and find that the other fellow has not arrived.

Heard at the High School: Teacher: "What's that? Didn't hear what I said? Well repeat what you didn't hear and I will tell you again."

He had proposed and in accepting him she said: "But, dearest you won't expect me to cook?" He: "No, darling, only to try to."

Heard at the schoolhouse: Teacher, "Name five musical instruments." Pupil: "Three violins and two pianos."

Most people are liberal with their sympathy because it doesn't cost anything.

Problems of the 8th grade.  
Given: Two ink lines on a paper. To prove: They are a lazy dog.

Proof: An ink line is an incline, an incline is a slope up, a slow pup is a lazy dog. Therefore two ink lines are a lazy dog.

One of the local doctors was called up the other evening by a voice on the wire which said: "I can't sleep, doctor. Can you do anything for me?" "Yes," replied the doctor, "hold the line and I'll sing you a lullaby."

"That young man looks like a fool," remarked a young lady's father to his daughter after her new beau left the house. "Why, papa, he has asked me to marry him," she said. "He has? Well, don't tell me that I can't size people up," he replied.

One of the telephone girls came near getting electrocuted the other day. She took her lunch to the central office and without thinking laid it down on top of a battery box. On opening up her lunch she picked out a cookie and started to eat it when she found there was a currant in it.

Ante-Nuptial Fibs.  
"Darling, those little hands shall never toil over the washbasin when you are mine."

"I never will stay out nights without your consent, sweetie."

"You precious, your mother will be just as welcome in our home as if she were my own."

"And remember, dear, that I would love you just as much if you didn't have a cent as I do with your half million dollars."

Some people are always looking for trouble when there isn't any. While waiting for the mail in the postoffice lobby here the other evening one citizen said to another: "I was up to the school house today and I'll bet you can't tell in three guesses how a boy in the class spelled 'cat.'"

"I'll take you," says the other. "K-a-t." "Wrong, try again."

"K-a-t-t." "Wrong, again, and I win the bet." "Well, how in thunder did he spell it?" asked the loser.

"Why, 'c-a-t' of course, he said."

A young couple here on getting engaged went in to tell her parents about it. "Well," says the old man, "I hope you young people have given serious thought to such an important question before deciding to get married."

"Indeed, we have, papa," said the girl, "we have been to a fortune teller and clairvoyant." Looked in a sign book, consulted a medium and asked the ouija board, and everything seemed favorable."

"That chicken you sent us for New Year's must have been a very old bird," remarked a lady to the butcher here Monday. "You are mistaken, madame," said the butcher, "that was a very young chicken." "Don't tell me that," she replied, "haven't I got eyes. Why it hadn't a single tooth in its head." "That is the sign that it was very young," said the butcher. "It hadn't grown any teeth yet."

Chas. Stewart is all dressed up and no where to go.

Just because a man buys a few yeast cakes is no reason he should be regarded with suspicion. It is now getting to be a fad to eat yeast for your health.

She—"I wonder how many men will be made unhappy when I marry?" He—"It all depends on how many times you marry."

When a man loses a collar button he looks under the dresser; when a girl expects a present she looks under her plate at the table; when an old maid retires she looks under the bed; when a bachelor is about to get married he looks under the weather.

His Place.  
Sister Murphy was called upon for a testimony in a revival meeting. She humbly declined in these words: "I have been a transgressor and a black sheep for a number of years and have only recently seen the light. I believe that my place is in a dark corner behind the door."

Brother Askin was next called upon following sister Murphy's meek example, he said: "I too, have been a sinner for twenty years, and I do not think I ought to stand before you as a model. I think my place is behind the door in a dark corner with Sister Murphy." A. B. S. and C.

SENCE  
(By Patricia)  
How-do-you-do, Ladies and gentlemen. It is a true saying a bad penny always turns up. But here is hoping I will receive a welcome even if only lukewarm it will feel good this cold weather, but Boy Aunt it is very close on a crowd of faces, the different expressions one sees expressed. Some are absolutely cross, while other faces are not large enough to display the great grin for grin it sure is. Take for instance our friend Billie's countenance, it is wreathed in smiles these days. Wonder if its on account of the Nicholas dance. Now Billie is very careful because Nichol and Gold don't go very well together and people will call you vain.

We hear Trotsky has joined the I. W. W. but by late report we hear he has accepted a position as chaplain at the Drug Store. Eh, what!-t!

It has been whispered that the ladies Aid are putting on their play again "Oh, Boy Aunt it is a Gr-r-and and Glorious Fable!"

Well, if I shed a few tears right in the middle of my text but I feel sad when I think of my friend Buck is no longer on the page to welcome him ante Patote and it makes me still more depressed when I think of him being weighed down by those chocolates and such like. But we will hope his path will be straight and smooth.

It's lonely traveling alone, but I find never in mind if you want to keep going on there is no one behind you to pull you back. So Single Blessedness is the only thing, remember the belief of our forefathers.

My, My, how our fair city has changed during my long absence. After making enquiries regarding the social functions I find there are none and I had made up my mind for a good feast at one of our O. U. B. S. wonderful suppers, but I find much to my amazement they had absolutely dissolved. The only exciting thing which has come to pass is a new school which is expected to open about the first of February and the main topics under discussion will be "flirtations" some of the young and experienced people are going to give some special classes to the older and dull pupils. Now here's your chance, come and learn what you do not know about "carrying on flirtations in the eyes of the public."

Well, I can imagine I can see some of my worthy readers fussing with horrible disgust, so guess it is about time I was wiping my pen and putting it on the rack as your time is very valuable. So, ta - ta for now, I may call again when I can't stay so long.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.  
The old stove pipes in the school have been replaced by new ones. It is much easier to keep the church warmer now.

The skating rink was flooded last week by some of the men and the High school boys. We take this opportunity of thanking all who lent a hand.

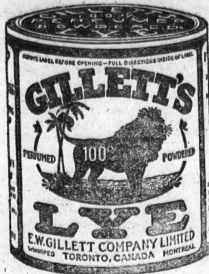
A lantern slide lecture on the "Passion Play" of Oberammergau was given last Friday by Mr. Elliott as part of the usual Friday program. We wish to thank Mr. Elliott for his lecture.

The Literary Society has arranged to hold some inter-class debates. The class supporting the losing team will act as hosts at a social evening for the members of the Society.









## World Happenings Briefly Told

W. K. Rogers, one of the silver black fox hounds of P.E.I., is to be a ranch for foxes in the north of Scotland next year.

Ruling has been made that in Montreal only moving picture houses of all theatres may remain open on Sunday.

Maurice T. Graham, a prominent citizen of Blind River, Ont., was drowned by falling through a hole in the ice on Burnt Lake.

New motor buses are being manufactured in England to start soon on a regular motor route to Monte Carlo and the Italian coast. The trip will last six days.

Lord Peel has been appointed minister of transport to succeed Sir Eric Geddes, brother of the British ambassador at Washington. There is no salary attached to the office.

While attempting to kill a wounded prairie chicken with the butt end of a shotgun, Russell Long, 17, of Bowman, Sask., was accidentally killed when the gun discharged.

The U.F.A. convention for 1932 has been definitely decided for Calgary, arrangements having been made with the First Baptist Church for accommodation.

Circulars printed in green ink announced sailings between New York and the Irish Free State by a fleet of five passenger ships owned by the United States Shipping Board and operated by the United States Line.

Customs officials stopped a train travelling between Eyskhim and Berland and decided to examine a suspected passenger's luncheon. They found diamonds within egg shells and gold stuffed into bread.

A recent Soviet decree which has been published, declares that the furniture of all persons who have left Moscow is the property of the Soviet and is temporarily entrusted to the persons occupying the rooms where the furniture is placed.

Wireless messages from Mexico City to Point Isabel stated that Popocatepetl is in violent eruption, and that all towns in the vicinity have been warned that the eruptions are the most serious of any since the volcano suddenly started to spout lava and ashes.

## Desert Cactus Is Useful

Many Things Are Made From Different Species of Plant

The huge cactus which grows in abundance on desert soil is being turned to useful account today.

The woody part of the trunk supplies material for table-legs, chairs, canes and veneering. The prickly spikes are made into toothpicks, needles, and pins for mending leather. The pulp in the stem is cut into strips, and is stewed or fried for human food. Cheese is made from the fruits of some cactus plants, and the red juice is used to color ice creams and jellies.

There are many different kinds of cactus, some growing to a height of sixty feet. Many of the different species bear fruit which is eaten raw or when dried, and one particular part of the plant is often eaten by natives owing to its peculiar power of allaying both hunger and thirst, and acting as well as a powerful stimulant.

## If You Have Neuralgia

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Notice the warm glow that spreads deeper and wider as Nerviline's soothing influence is carried deep into the sore tissue. How quickly the pain is eased. In a little while you have forgotten it, the soreness has actually gone. For Neuralgia, Sciatica, Rheumatism, Nervine is a cure. Large 35c bottles. Sold everywhere.

## Wishes to Return to U.S.

Emma Goldman, who was deported to Russia from the United States in December, 1919, as a result of her alleged anarchistic activities, has left Moscow. She is believed to be in Riga with the intention of seeking permission to return to the United States.

## WINTER HARD ON BABY

The winter season is a hard one on the baby. He is more or less confined to stuffy, bad ventilated rooms. It is so often stormy that the mother does not get him out in the fresh air as often as she should. He catches colds which rack his little system; his stomach and bowels get out of order and he becomes peevish and cross.

To guard against this the mother should keep a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the house. These regulate the stomach and bowels and break up colds. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

## All Should Go To Work

Somebody makes this revolutionary suggestion that we have a national work week. If everybody had two of them, we should hear no talk of hard times.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Moon Coming Nearer Earth

The moon is getting nearer to the earth at a speed of about fourteen feet in 200 years. Astronomers up to the present have not been able to explain why this is so.

## Why?

Why is it that a woman may brag of her cooking and soft-peddle her dressmaking ability? And quite often she can make a better dress than dinner.—Fudge.

## "Those Who Dance Must Pay The Fiddler"

There's a settlement in profit or loss, for nearly every indulgence.

Sometimes the pay day is long deferred, and in that case the settlement may bear compound interest.

Often a payment in ill health is required for the dance had with tea or coffee during early years. Sometimes the collection comes in sleeplessness, sometimes in headaches, sometimes in high blood pressure, or in nervous indigestion—sometimes in all these penalties.

Nerves won't always stand the whipping of tea and coffee's drug, caffeine.

If you've been dancing to tea or coffee's fiddling, why keep on till payment time comes? If you're beginning to pay, now, why not cancel the contract?

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## Baronet Deprived of Nationality

Sir Edgar Speyer Held Guilty of Giving Aid to King's Enemies

Sir Edgar Speyer has been deprived of his British nationality by a report of a special Statutory Committee, which was appointed recently to inquire into charges that he had been guilty of conduct incompatible with his oath of allegiance to King George V. and giving aid and comfort to the King's enemies. The evidence before the committee was taken in camera, but it is understood great stress was laid by the Attorney General on testimony procured by a commission in the United States, showing Sir Edgar's relations with Dr. Karl Lueger, and other Germans in the United States during the war. This decision automatically deprives Sir Edgar of his British Privy Counsellorship, but he retains his baronetcy until King George, by order-in-council, annuls it. He has the right to appeal to the Supreme Court on questions of law, if he elects to do so.

## Highway of Cotton Wool

Makes Motor Travelling Easy In Arizona and California

Piece-lined roads for getting motorists over desert sand have recently made their appearance and have surprised a great many motor tourists travelling through certain sections of California and Arizona. There is such a low market value upon cotton in certain sections that it scarcely pays to haul it to the railroad stations. Much that is raised, therefore, goes into the making of roads. Ranchmen of the California Imperial Valley, and the Salt River Valley of Arizona—both great cotton producing regions—are doing with cotton just what farmers in other sandy sections do with straw or brush. Cotton is simply thrown down upon the road over stretches where the sand is annoying. Traffic over the road then packs the cotton down into the sand until it forms a firm, smooth, and resilient surface, over which motor vehicles may progress with almost as much ease as over a paved street in a city.

## There's A Difference

Someone says there is not much difference between "sight" and "vision." We submit there is a whole lot. Call a girl a vision and she'll think you're just the nicest there is. But call her a sight and she'll think you're a fool. If you're wise enough, that is, to wait and see.—Owen Sound Advertiser.

## New German Cars

In Germany one of the latest models of passenger automobiles has the appearance of a submarine. The steering gear is placed in the front, but the engine and all connecting parts are in the rear. The new type, it is said, assure more effective cooling and reduces dust and gas difficulties.

## The Final Eclipse

The picture of the Kaiser has been finally and definitely removed from the quarters of the German embassy in Washington. Wilhelm was turned to the wall some time back, but now he goes officially to the junk. Nobody seems even curious to remember what he looked like.—Los Angeles Times.

## The Young Practitioner

"Well, Bloom," a physician asked a young colleague who was just starting in, "how's your practice?" "In the mornings practically no one comes," was the reply, "and in the afternoons the rush falls off a bit."—Omaha World-Herald.

## Their Guiltability

There may be innocent bystanders, but most of them are guilty of standing around when wise folks beat it.—Buffalo Enquirer.

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## Industrial Survey Of Alberta Ordered

Will Assist in Creating New Markets For Province

An industrial survey of the province has been ordered by the Alberta Government. It is to be made by Howard Stutheby, provincial trade commissioner, who has already commenced work on the collection of information and statistics for the purpose. The idea will be to make a thorough investigation into the industrial situation in Alberta, taking into account the number and kind of industries whether or not they are working on full time, and if not why not. The survey will also assist in the widening of markets for Alberta products and creation of new ones, and the information now being secured will be used to that end. It is intended to make the survey cover all branches of industry already established, with likely recommendations for the further lines which could profitably be taken up in this province.

## Dyed Her Wrap Blue And A Skirt Brown

Each package of "Diamond Dyes" contains directions so simple any woman can dye or alter her wraps, dresses, skirts, waists, coats, stockings, sweaters, coverings, curtains, hangings, etc. The perfect home dyeing is sure because "Diamond Dyes"—an other kind—do not spot, fade, streak, or run. Tell your friend whether the material you wish to dye is wool of silk, or whether it is linen, cotton or mixed goods.

## Tribute to Memory Of Sir Arthur Pearson

Thousands Attend Impressive Service In Trinity Church

Hundreds of blind men and thousands of other persons paid tribute to the memory of the late Sir Arthur Pearson, for whom impressive services of an unusual character were held in Trinity Church, Marylebone, near St. Dunstan's Home, the scene of Sir Arthur's work for blinded ex-soldiers. Blind men from all parts of Great Britain came to London for the services which were conducted by the Rev. Harold Gibbs, who was blinded in the war, assisted by a blind organist and chorists.

As the cortege passed St. Dunstan's, groups of blinded ex-servicemen stood at attention in honor of the blind hero of the war, who had devoted a large part of his life work to the aid of the blind. Representatives of King George, Queen Mary and Queen Mother Alexandra, as well as numbers of men prominent in the publishing world in which Sir Arthur had been so long and so successful before he himself was afflicted, attended. In addition, a special memorial service was held in Fleet Street, attended by former associates of the publisher.

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## Canadian Reciter Abroad

Miss Frances Nickawa, a Cree Indian, Entertains London Audience Canada, published in London, Eng., gives an extended report of a reception held at the Canadian Club, 19 Stratford Place, London, by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wade, at which a number of people interested in dramatic and literary work in London had the pleasure of listening to a recital by Miss Nickawa, a Cree Indian, of a few of the poems of Julianne Johnson, the gifted Canadian poetess, whose recitals were very popular in London some years ago. "Mr. Wade, the agent-general for British Columbia," says Canada, "is always most active in introducing the good things of his province to the Motherland, and the well-deserved thanks of his guests for the pleasure they received from the clever recitations by this young Indian girl showed that his efforts are appreciated."

In the rendering of her pieces from the writings of another Canadian-Indian, who belonged to the Six Nations, but who passed the last portion of her life in British Columbia, Miss Frances Nickawa showed a charming freshness and spontaneity which charmed her listeners. She possesses considerable dramatic power and good elocution. With experience, and the greater confidence which it brings, this young Canadian-Indian artist should go far. The introduction so happily effected by the agent-general of British Columbia will we will sure, lead to warm welcome in artistic circles in London.

Where Men Are Plentiful Ladies seeking an eligible husband should go to Detroit. That city claims more bachelors than any other in the country, in proportion to population. There are 34,393 more men than women.

## A Coat Dress In Black Broadcloth



By Marie Beumont

Black has held full sway for so many months that one would think its power must surely begin to wane. But this is by no means the case, as black things continue to come from Paris. To be sure, at present there are enough high shades to offset this sombre tone. By way of diversion, the vogue for black is finding new mediums of expression. This particular coat dress is broadcloth instead of Canton crepe, and drapes up at the hip as effectively as any broadcloth can. The self-covered buckle holds the fulness here, while black silk braid outlines the collar and slightly raised sleeves. A dainty vest in white or ecru complete the effect. The coat dress is sponsored by a number of designers this season and finds ready favor because of its smartness and practicability. It may be worn beneath a long or short coat, and is very good with a short fur coat.

An Oil that is Famous.—Though Canada was not the birthplace of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, it is the home of that famous compound. From here its good name was spread to Central and South America, the West Indies, Australia and New Zealand. That is far afield enough to attest its excellence, for in all these countries it is on sale and in demand.

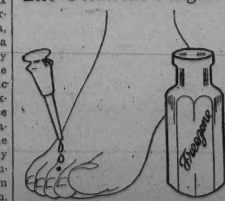
## Germany Favors Harding's Plan

Former Foreign Minister Says People Against Future Wars

Germany is entirely in sympathy with the Harding association of nations plan, Dr. von Simons, former foreign minister declared in an interview. "The new slogan of the majority of German people is—it shall not be again," von Simons said. For this reason Germany could not mobilize her forces for another war even if she wished. Dr. Simons said he could not conceive any German Government which would not gladly accept America's invitation to discuss the association. "As a jurist I naturally favor arbitration in the courts," he declared. "I consider this as the only means of removing our danger and consequently consider Germany's former attitude at The Hague peace conference as a crime."

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## Sloan's Liniment (Pain's Enemy)

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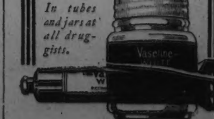
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### IRMA DISTRICT HAS GOOD RECORD FOR GRAIN SHIPMENTS

Irma has the honor of holding fourth place for shipment of grain on the Western division of the G. T. P. between Biggar and Edmonton and Calgary to Edmonton. Over one hundred and fifty cars have been shipped since harvest; and it is estimated that there is still one hundred cars held by the farmers. But when this has been shipped the record may be changed still better. Vera, Sask. comes first; Chaurin, second; Holden, third. Most of the grain to be shipped is held by farmers living from ten to fifteen miles from the elevators. On account of the scarcity of snow, and the low price of grain, this

grain has been held hoping that enough snow would come to make good sleighing.

### ANOTHER GOOD RECORD

We notice in the U. G. G. Co. report for the month of August, Irma stands third in the list of total sales. The first six towns are: St. Paul Des Metis, Vegreville, Irma, Alliance, Killam, and Lacombe.

### TENDERS WANTED

Tenders are wanted for the hauling of Coal for Coal Spring School District School.

M. T. Knudson, Sec-Treas.  
Irma. 11p.

### LOCAL NEWS

Miss Roba Coker spent the week end with friends at Wainwright.

Mr. O. Spokeley has returned after a short visit at Edmonton.

Mr. J. W. Graydon spent Tuesday in Edmonton.

Mr. O. Lovig of Jarow was in Edmonton Tuesday.

Mr. C. Z. Costin spent the first of the week in the Viking district.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anderson have returned from a six weeks' visit in Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Jones, of Viking, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Jones, of Irma.

Mrs. F. W. Watkinson has been attending the U. F. A. Convention as delegate from the Irma U. F. W. A.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. O. Bettego on Tuesday, January 17th, a daughter, both doing nicely.

Mr. R. Smallwood and Alex have been spending a few days in Edmonton.

Mrs. H. Bouck, of Heath, has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. Peterson.

The Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. H. W. Love on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Geo. Morrow of Edgerton has been in Irma this week helping Mr. Ketchin take stock.

The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. McLeod next Wednesday afternoon.

Eveready Flashlights, Spare Batteries and Bulbs. New stock now in at Derman's Drug Store.

Mr. W. Prior of Orindale is attending the U. F. A. Convention at Calgary as delegate from the Orindale U. F. A.

Captain Bellamy of the Edmonton office, S. S. B. has been visiting the S. S. B. settlers in the Irma district during the last week.

Derman's Drug Store is still the place to get the best writing papers, fountain pens, ink and Pyne Point Silver Pencils.

FOR RENT—S.W. 24-46-8-4, 100 acres under cultivation. Cash rent. Apply F. W. Higginson, S.E. 30-45-8-40-5p.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Clark left last Monday for Calgary, where Mrs. Clark intends taking medical treatment. Mr. Clark will take in the U. F. A. Convention.

Mr. Cap Larson and Rick Larson have had a vacation at Edmonton. This is the first time Rick has been away from Irma since the family arrived here some twelve years ago.

The members of the I. O. O. F. and the L. O. L. with their friends spent another social evening Tuesday night. A program of cards, music and dancing was enjoyed by all.

Miss Eva Derman has some young pure bred Himalaya Rabbits. These are the white fur, pink eye variety, for sale at one dollar each. Apply at the Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Schaffner expect to return from Edmonton Saturday night. Mrs. Schaffner is recovering nicely after the operation she had for appendicitis some time ago.

Last Saturday was moving picture show was the best that has been put on this season. Charlie Chaplin in one of the comic pictures was well appreciated by young and old. The next U. F. A. picture show will be on Saturday night, January 29th.

Thursday, the Irma district experienced the first real stormy day of the winter. A strong western wind with snow made it very disagreeable out of doors, but the thermometer only showed a few degrees of frost most of the day.

The members of the Ladies Aid Dramatic Society, have at last consented to repeat the play they put on some time ago. A Southern Cinderella which was greatly appreciated by all who saw it. Wednesday night Feb. 8th we understand is the date set for this great event. Further announcement will be made next week.

The C. G. I. T. Girls met at the home of the President, Miss Maquire, Tuesday evening last an evening of tobogganing had been planned, but as only a few of the girls were present and a high wind prevailing it was postponed. The next meeting will be held at the parsonage when Mrs. Elliott will give us a talk on "Home Nursing." This is an invitation to all the girls of the town who have not already joined our interesting Club. Come along and you will receive a welcome. Meeting to start at eight o'clock sharp.

### Ice Hockey Game.

Last Saturday the Wainwright Trail Rangers defeated the Irma Trail Rangers in a great game of hockey on the local rink. The game was not one-sided as would be surmised by the score. The score ran to the tune of 20 to 0. The local boys made many runs, but most of them were checked by the Wainwright defence. Stick-handling, and speed skating was absent among the Irma aggregation, but for hard-working bunch Irma had the Wainwright boys outclassed.

The Wainwright boys were handicapped by a small sheet of ice and walls. The play was exceptionally clean throughout the entire game, only two penalties were handed out. Theo Derry, and Wayne Mitchell each getting a minute for rough play in the second period. Lack of practice and experience on the part of the local Trail Rangers was the cause of their defeat. We believe this the first inter-town game of hockey played in Irma. Many farmers and local citizens witnessed the game.

The two teams met again in Wainwright in two weeks time.

The line-up was as follows:

Wainwright	Irma
E. Springer	Goal F. Hoover
J. Beaudreau	R. D. Willert Myers
Philip Wilkins	L. D. W. Mitchell
Allen Spence	L. W. D. Peterson
Jack Carrol	R. W. Dan Matheson
Teo Derry	C. Eric Richardson
Jack MacLeod	Sub forwards H. Ewers
A. Horne	Walter Jones
Bud Mabey	C. Peterson
Teo Derry	was the star of the Wainwright crew. Floyd Hoover, of Irma, showed a brand of hockey in goal that was worth while seeing. Ernest Kenoy, of Wainwright, was referee and Tom Askin of Irma, Judge of play.

To the Agriculturists of Alberta:

Dear Sirs:—

After hearing the representations of the Canadian Committee of Armenian Relief, I am convinced that the farmers of the province have a very pressing duty, to perform in rendering assistance to those who are suffering the horrors of starvation in Armenia.

Few of our people realize the serious conditions that exist. During the past years large numbers of the male population have been massacred by the Turks because they refuse to renounce their Christian faith. Widows and orphan children have no possible means of support, and many deaths occur daily on account of the lack of food and disease.

The Committee above mentioned has decided to ask the farmers of Canada for a contribution amounting to three bushels of wheat (or the equivalent in value of other grains) for each thousand bushels of grain grown this year. Each province in Canada is being organized separately, and I have been asked to become the president of the committee for this province. I have gladly accepted this position and would respectfully urge farmers to consider carefully the request for assistance. I realize there are farmers in Alberta who have experienced crop failures this year. Low prices for grain and other products have added to their disappointment and have prevented many of them from realizing their plans. We must admit, however, that the worst conditions obtaining in our province do not compare with the conditions which obtain in Armenia, where many citizens of that country are being persecuted and massacred by the cruel Turk, and many others are slowly but surely meeting death by starvation.

The Provincial Committee is satisfied that every bushel of wheat contributed will reach the people for whom it is intended. I feel sure that our people will respond readily to the call when they become acquainted with the facts. Your contribution will be gratefully received and will help in relieving the suffering of people who are not in a position to help themselves.

—George Headley, Minister of Agriculture, President Provincial Committee Armenian Relief Fund.  
(Deposit your grain contribution at your nearest elevator.)

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## The Gas Question.

(From Viking News)

Gas negotiations took a new angle on Tuesday afternoon when the special council committee agreed to recommend two adverse moves against the Northern Alberta Natural Gas Company. One was to reject the Company's offer to relinquish its franchise while the other was to recommend that the city solicitor be instructed to see if the leases in the Viking field can be cancelled and reserved for the city.

Action on the proposals of Colonel Kincaid Smith was postponed until the city has some further information concerning the status of the leases. The committee did not reach the proposals of the Mutual Oil & Gas Development Co. of Millet.

It was contended by Alderman Pratt that there was little use cancelling the agreement if the city did not get the leases back. His remarks went to show that the leases had been assigned to the company for a specific purpose, which was not carried out and that the city was not in a strong position to recover these holdings. In agreeing to the company's offer to relinquish the franchise, the city would be giving up its rights to the gas field.

Alderman Pratt also showed that there were some \$60,000 due the federal government in arrears on these leases. Owing to the uncertainty of the legal action started by the city, the company was holding off from paying in sums due.

"Why release the company from a 25 cent rate and rush to a new one at 50 cents?" asked Alderman Pratt. Alderman Adair: "We are not going to get gas here at 25 cents."

Leases Valuable. The leases were immensely valuable, said Alderman Pratt. In fact, they were five times as good as the Clapp & Huntley report had stated.

The claim that the city had owned the gas field was denied by Alderman Adair. It had never held full rights there. The Alderman also added that he was opposed to cancellations of vested rights and interests.

The new company would own the gas field if the option was exercised, said Colonel Smith in reply to a query from Alderman Collinson.

The motion to reject the offer from the franchise holders as to giving up the agreement in return for the city withdrawing its legal action, was moved by Alderman Pratt, seconded by Alderman East and carried.

Alderman Pratt then moved, with Alderman East again as the seconder that the city solicitor be instructed to ascertain if the leases can be cancelled and reserved for the city. This was also carried and the action will be recommended to council.

Mayor Duggan suggested that consideration of the proposals of Colonel Smith be postponed for the present. This was agreed to and an adjournment taken.—Edmonton Journal.

### THE GAS QUESTION

Editor, the Bulletin:

Sir,—In today's issue I notice a long letter from Alderman Pratt in explanation of his remarks during the discussion of the Gas Committee.

I am not concerned with the question of the cancellation of the leases at the Viking field, held by the Northern Alberta Natural Gas Development company, except in so far as discussion on this point delays consideration of my proposals submitted to the council. There is probably no doubt that after months and months of litigation and other legal delays, that the cancellation of the leases would be ultimately secured in two or three years' time upon payment by the city of such sums with interest, as have been expended in the development of the gas field.

Th point which is of special interest is the airy manner in which Alderman Pratt talks of a twenty-five cent rate for natural gas for Edmonton. During the discussions in the council and the committee, the main burden of the discussion was borne by Alderman Pratt and his friend Alderman East. The latter, I gather, objects to private ownership of a public utility in any shape or form; this is perfectly logical, and simply means that the community must do without the wonderful convenience of natural gas in their houses until Alderman East has persuaded the majority of the ratepayers to allow the ratepayers' money to be used for such a purpose. However, enthusiastic people may be about public ownership of public utilities, I very much doubt whether they will ever be found ready to agree to the use of the ratepayers' money for an enterprise so hazardous as the supply of natural gas.

Alderman Pratt throughout the discussions has exhibited an extraordinary degree of ignorance of the whole subject, and from his remarks as regards a reasonable rate for the sale of gas in Edmonton, he evidently over looks the point that the real masters

of the situation are the investors. It is the investors whose confidence must be secured, and who must be given the chance of making what they consider a fair return on their investment if the money is to be found for the construction of the pipe line and distributing plant in Edmonton.

Alderman Pratt, and a great many other people in Western Canada, will do well to realize that the days of 1922 are not as in the boom time of 1911 and 1912. At that time money could be borrowed for all sorts of propositions, without to close a scrutiny of their revenue producing capabilities; many were grossly over-capitalized, and we see the result today in the wreckage of numerous land, coal, lumber, pulp and other concerns which can barely pay their way. Today financial houses and investors demand a most minute and microscopic inquiry into any proposition put before them, and as regards natural gas, even with a 45 cent rate, I fear that in the opinion of numerous experts the supply of natural gas from Viking gas fields for Edmonton is none too profitable a proposition.

These are hard facts but in the interest of the community the sooner they are realized the better. It is not my intention to discuss here the manner in which Canadian promoters often managed to humbug so successfully the Canadian public and the British investor in the palm days of 1911 and 1912, but in 1922 I fear there is very little chance of similar success. Schemes for developing the natural resources of the country are offered daily to people who are supposed to be able to interest capital but until confidence is restored it is unlikely that there will be much response in this direction.

Serious proposals for the supply of natural gas to Edmonton were submitted to the council, and in my opinion should receive serious consideration on their merits. This is only possible if future discussions are freed from the prejudices of ancient feuds, and in the light of facts disclosed before the utilities board in its recent inquiry.

Yours truly,  
W. Kincaid Smith.  
CITIZENS' RIGHTS

TO-GAS FIELD  
Viking, January 16th, 1922.

Editor Viking News.

Sir,—As there appears to be considerable friction between the Council of the city of Edmonton, and the Northern Alberta Natural Gas Development and Supply Co. represented by Capt. Kincaid Smith, of London, England; now sir, I cannot see how the people of this district living on this gas field should sit quietly and allow these parties to settle their dispute and later obtain full control of this field. Both parties to this dispute admit that the field is a good one and as I understand them the only one. Also that it is five times greater than the Clapp & Huntley report expected.

Now have we not rights as citizens to a supply of this gas at a price to be fixed? Why should we be compelled to buy Edmonton coal at high prices and pay high freight to here, to allow Edmonton people to pipe away our gas that they may have cheap fuel.

is a valuable fuel for burning brick, tile, etc., all of which might be manufactured here as well as other industries that may develop.

I would advise our citizens to get busy through their municipal councils, your representatives, both provincial and federal, and guard against the Department of the Interior ignoring your rights in this matter. And also that they look up the rights of the early homesteaders and be sure that they do not own the rights before giving them. The homesteader interim filing receipts are their contracts with the government and should govern.

Also there are considerable rights held privately that would make a large field for a progressive company that might be secured and developed for home industries.

Yours truly,  
W. J. Collinson.

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